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## STENNIS STATEMENT

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The first part is all right. First, ask Stennis if he could restrict his statement to the first sentence. Anything further than that is not in order.

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